

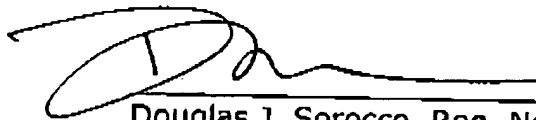
REMARKS

This amendment is submitted prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In the amendment submitted herewith, claims 1-36, 46-53, 56-58, 61-96 and 107-109 are canceled, without prejudice, and claims 37-45, 54-55, 59-60, 97-106, 110 and 111-130 are currently pending. Such claims are directed to a polysaccharide polymer.

It is Applicant's belief that the inventive concept recited in the claims, as amended, are patentable over the art of record in the parent application and that such claims are necessary to afford Applicant with the degree of patent protection to which Applicant is entitled by law.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's attorney will welcome the opportunity to discuss same with the Examiner.

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REDLINE VERSION OF CLAIM 42

42. The purified composition of claims [36,] 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42, wherein the chondroitin polymer is represented by a structure, (Beta-1,4-GlcUA-beta-1,3-GalNAc)_n, wherein n is a positive integer greater than or equal to 1.